

**Bedford Historic Preservation Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes of 06/07/2016**

Present: J. Linz (Chair), G. Carpenter, D. Corey, L. Dunham, R. LeSchack, S. McDonald,  
D. Silverman

Also present: M. Rosenberg

1. The regular meeting minutes of 05/03/2016 were amended to note Katherine Shutkin's attendance at the meeting (prospective new member). The amended minutes were moved, seconded and approved, 7-0.
2. Financial Report – The unexpended balance in the budget is \$373.25. There is an outstanding legal notice invoice for \$74.74 and another possible notice. It was moved, seconded and voted, 7-0, to approve payment of 2 legal notices.
3. Demolition Delay Bylaw –
  - 445 Concord Road – The owners, David and Florence Rossi, were present for the hearing. They intend to replace the house with a new single-level home because the old house is too expensive to maintain. The Commission had great concerns due to the important historical significance of the home. After a discussion including the fact that low maintenance replacement materials can be used and that the Commission does not have design review authority over preservation activities, Mr. Rossi indicated some willingness to consider saving the house. It was moved, seconded and voted, 6-1-0, to continue the hearing to the Commission's next meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at 7:40 PM. Mr. Rossi was not certain of his availability on that date, in which case the hearing will be continued to August 2.
  - 247 Concord Road – The applicant Nathaniel Brown was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's meeting on July 5, 2016.
  - 158 Concord Road – The applicant Brian Collins was not present, and the hearing was continued to the HPC's next meeting on July 5, 2016.
  - 186 Concord Road – The applicant Rene Meijer was present for the hearing. The house was built in 1915 and has sustained extensive wear and weather damage. Numerous photographs were provided documenting the serious deterioration of the building. The Commission determined that a site visit was not needed based on the documentation provided. The applicant was requested to provide a schematic plan of the building proposed as a replacement, which should not be detrimental to the historic character of the neighborhood. The applicant will not be available on July 5, so the hearing was continued to the following meeting on August 2, 2016.
4. Old Burying Ground – DC contacted DPW regarding the failing section of stone wall on Springs Road. The root system of a large white pine tree inside the wall is causing the failure.
5. Depot Park – nothing new to report.
6. Job Lane Farm Museum – SMcD reported that she and Alethea Yates are working on an interpretive sign for the property (to be funded by HPC). An area has been leveled with top soil near the barn for a mini-barn building demonstration project in July. DC reported that Facilities

intends to have the fire suppression system designed this summer but not install it until after the house tour season is over this fall.

7. Jenks Nature Trail – MR noted that installation of an irrigation system has been slowed down.

8. Shawsheen Cemetery – DS noted that Kevin Duffy's repair work in the historic section is progressing well.

9. House Plaques – nothing new to report.

10. Town Museum – DC reported that a revised grant application for the feasibility study was resubmitted to Mass. Hist. Comm. The options for further consideration include Old Town Hall, the Police Station (Stearns Building), and the historic portion of Town Center (Union School).

11. Community Preservation Committee – DC contacted DPW regarding the stone wall along the sidewalk at Utah State University's property on The Great Road that is deteriorating. DPW responded that the face of the wall belongs to the town (edge of street layout) but the rest of the wall belongs to the abutters. Repair alternatives include a stand-alone CPC project or a component of a comprehensive Great Road project.

12. Fawn Lake Study Committee – SMcD reported that committee re appointments are pending. A report is being written.

13. Old Business - none

14. New Business – Gaye Carpenter is retiring from the committee, and this was her last meeting. She was thanked for her generous service over a number of years.

15. The meeting schedule for the next year was discussed. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 5, 2016, at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Corey, Clerk